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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A microwave oven comprising:

a base plate;

a front plate and a rear plate vertically mounted at front and rear edges of the base plate;

an inner case between the front plate and the rear plate having a curved rear part to form a

cooking chamber therein;

an outfit chamber at one side of the inner case, having various components such as a

magnetron and a fan-mounted being located therein in the outfit chamber; and

a convection part mounted in rear of the inner case for providing heat to the

eoolingcooking chamber, the convection part including a convection motor; and

a first shielding plate located between the convection part and the outfit chamber for

cutting off the heat transmitting from the convection part to the outfit chamber, the first shielding

plate having at least one outlet hole, the fan in the outfit chamber drawing air surrounding the

convection motor to pass through the at least one outlet hole into the outfit chamber so as to cool

the convection motor.

2. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear part of the

inner case is spaced from the rear plate.

3. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 2, wherein the rear plate has a part

opposite to the rear part of the inner case pressed backward.

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4. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner case has a

width that becomes the smaller as it goes the farther from a front plate side to a rear plate side.

5. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear plate has a

plurality of second air inlet holes for receiving external air as the fan is operated.

6. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner case has first

air inlet holes for guiding heat from the convection part to the cooking chamber.

7. (Currently Amended) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 1, wherein the

convection part further includes:

a heater for generating heat, and

a convention fan for blowing air heated by the heater to the cooking chamber, and

a-wherein the convection motor is for driving the convection fan.

8. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 7, wherein the inner case has first

inlet holes for guiding high temperature air blown by the convection fan to the cooking chamber.

9. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 7, wherein the convection part

further includes an anti-fan between the convection motor and the convection fan for cooling the

convection motor.

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10. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 7, wherein the convection part

further includes a convection case mounted on the inner case and surrounding the convection fan

and heater.

11. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 10, wherein the convection part

further includes an anti-fan between the convection motor and the convection case for cooling

the convection motor.

12. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 10, wherein the inner case having

the convection case mounted thereon has first inlet holes for guiding high temperature air the

convection fan blows to the cooking chamber.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 131, wherein the

convection part includes;:

a heater for generating heat,

a convention fan for blowing air heated by the heater to the cooking chamber, and

a convection motor for driving the convection fan.

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15. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 14, wherein the convection part

further includes a convection case mounted on the inner case and surrounding the convection fan

and heater.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 14, wherein the inner case has

first inlet holes for guiding high temperature air blown by the convection fan to the cooking

chamber.

18. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a second

shielding plate between the convection fan and the convection motor for preventing the heat

from directly transmitting to the convection motor.

19. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 18, wherein the convection part

further includes a convection case surrounding the convection fan and heater, and mounted on

the inner case.

20. (Original) The microwave oven as claimed in claim 19, wherein the inner case has

first inlet holes at a part the convection case mounted thereon for guiding high temperature air

blown by the convection fan to the cooking chamber.

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